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THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS

All Must Now Pay Direct Tax

Next Thursday, Jan. 11, the elections of school trustees throughout the Province take place, in accordance with the new B.C. "Public Schools Act, 1905". This new law has already created a great amount of discussion as it allows the trustees to raise funds for part of the teachers' salaries and all other school expenses. Therefore, tax payers should attend the elections for school trustees and elect persons to office who are capable of filling the positions properly and satisfactorily. Already a good deal of kicking is being done locally and it is certain more will follow, but those who have taken the most interest in our schools in the past and have had to pay the expenses are at least pleased that everyone must now contribute and are also pleased that everyone will now take an interest inasmuch as their pockets are affected.

Here are a few extracts from a circular sent out by the Education Office at Victoria that show how the new act will work in part:

In districts which have "Assisted Schools" the only change made is, that people will now provide directly for the incidental expenses of the school. In the Assisted Schools no rates will be levied, the expenses being met by the voluntary contribution of parents and others interested, in the same manner as the buildings and furnishings are now provided. The whole of the salary of the teachers in Assisted Schools will be voted by the Legislature and paid.

In the regularly organized "Rural School Districts" the people are now called upon to provide the running expenses of the schools and a small proportion of the teachers' salaries. In this case the regular amount of salary paid by the Government will be $40 per month, and this sum will be supplemented by a grant of $1 for every dollar by which the original amount is increased by the district. For example, say the average salary in such district is $50 per month: In order to maintain this basis the Government contributes $40 plus $5, or half of the $10 increase, and the district need raise only $5 per month for salary. The Government will make such supplementary grant up to any sum not exceeding $100 per year in each district. School houses will also be erected by the Government in Rural School Districts which have not yet been provided with school houses and in any districts which may hereafter be organized. The people of the district themselves will determine the salary to be paid to the teachers and the sum or sums required for the conduct of the schools.

Any sum required by any Rural School District in further payment of teachers' salaries, over and above the sum provided by the Province, and any sum required for other school purposes during the year, including, without limitation by reason of such particularity; the purchase or improvement of school grounds, the purchase, erection, repair, furnishing, rent, care and insurance of school houses and out-buildings; the purchase of fuel, light, prescribed maps, apparatus and books (for the use of indigent pupils), the payment of interest accruing during the year on money that has been borrowed, or that may be borrowed, any indebtedness on account of such objects previously incurred, the expense of conveying children to school in cases where by law it is provided that any such expenses may be incurred, contingencies or unforeseen expenses, and personal expenses incurred by the Trustees in execution of their trust, when sanctioned in writing by the Council of Public Instruction, together with any other expenses required for providing and maintaining an efficient school or schools, may be determined upon by the School District at a meeting having power to vote money, and any amount so determined upon shall, whether or not the several purposes be specified, be assessed and levied in respect of real and personal property and income according to the provisions set forth in the act.

As The Outcrop understands the local situation Athalmer and Galena come under the heading of "Assisted Schools" and Wilmer and Windermere under "Rural School Districts". For example the Wilmer school district will probably have to raised by taxation not more than $300. For further information attend the election.

Strawberries Pot Planted

The best method used to procure strawberry plants with strong roots and strong crown-buds is to grow them in pots. The plants can be shifted from the pots to the soil without disturbing the roots. Pot-grown plants may be had from the growers of strawberry plants, or they can be rooted by the gardener himself. Home-grown plants are to be preferred to those grown at any great distance from where they are to be planted.

Where one wishes to grow his own plants, the work should begin as soon as the berry crop is off and the plants begin to make runners. The earlier the work is begun, the larger will be the plants in the fall, and the better will be the chances for a crop the following spring. It goes without saying that the best and strongest plants are to be selected for furnishing the runners that are to produce the potted plants. One and one-half to two inch pots are commonly used for this purpose, though three-inch pots will grow better plants. There is less danger of the plant becoming pot-bound in the larger pots, and it would, for this reason, make a better and more vigorous growth after being transplanted in the new bed.

The method generally followed after the mother-plant has been selected is to plunge the pot in the earth near the row and out of the way of the cultivator. The tip of the runner is brought over the pot of earth and a stone, or ball of dirt, is placed on it to hold it in place until it has had time to become thoroughly rooted in the pot. This work is best done in July. This gives the plant the remainder of the season to produce a strong fruiting crown. By the first to the middle of September the plants should be ready to set in the new bed. If but one plant is allowed to grow from each runner, it will be stronger and the results will be more satisfactory than where two or three plants are potted from one.

If the new strawberry bed is made to follow early peas, or some such crop that will be off before the first of September, the ground can easily be prepared for the plants. The trash left by the early crop is better hauled off, even though it be little in amount. A dressing of well-rotted manure is necessary for the best preparation of the soil. This should be well worked in, and if it is thought best when the plants are set out, a small amount of commercial fertiliser may be sown in the rows to hasten the recovery of the plants and to increase their size.

As has already been said, the planting should be done early in September. The runners which attach the young plants to the old ones are then severed and the pots dug up and taken to the new bed. The plants should not be knocked from the pots until they are to be planted, neither should the pots with the plants in them be left where the sun can get at them for any length of time. The work of transplanting is simple. The one essential is that the soil must be very thoroughly packed around the ball of earth.

While it is hardly ever profitable to grow plants in this way in field culture, it pays many times over in small gardens in the satisfaction of having fresh, home-grown berries year after year. Pots for the growing plants cost little, and enough runners can be rooted in a few hours to start a strawberry plot for a family of ordinary size. The cost of potting and care of the plants, up to the time of transplanting, need not be more than 15 or 20 cents per dozen plants.—G. O. Greene, in The Country Calendar.

Is British Columbia on the edge of a wave of mining prosperity, compared with which previous excitements will be as mere ripples? All things point in that direction. The depression in silver and lead values would appear to be over and mine owners are rejoiced to know that the metals have taken a sudden upward bound with every indication that the advance will continue. Since 1896 silver has not been above 61. It is now 65¾. Lead has advanced to £16 per ton, and the bounty which the Ottawa Government gave to producers has been discontinued. Already we hear of investments being made in silver-lead properties that have been shut down since 1893, and of active preparations being made to develop them on a large scale. These evidences of a revival are most encouraging, for the vigorous prosecution of a branch of industry that has been under a cloud these seven years means much for Vancouver and, indeed, for the whole of British Columbia.—Vancouver World.

Mining Output 1905

The Gross Mineral Production is Estimated $20,000,000

That the gross mineral production of British Columbia for 1905 will be $20,000,000 and possibly more is the confident belief of those who are acquainted with the industry. Last year the output was valued at $18,977,359. This year, while the gold production may be a little less than the $5,700,000 of 1904, the silver, lead and copper increases will more than offset any falling off.

The year has been chiefly noteworthy for the revival in the silver-lead districts, the chief cause for this being the federal lead bounty, followed by the increase in the value of the metal. The bounty ceased when London quoted lead at sixteen pounds a ton a few weeks ago and the last quotation from there is over seventeen pounds. Before the day of the bounty the list of shipping mines in the Slocan had fallen off to half a dozen; last week it had risen to 20.

The year's output from the Boundary copper camps will not have reached the desired goal of one million tons, but it will not be far short of 900,000 tons. Rossland gold mines will be responsible for over 330,000 tons during the year just closed.

If for nothing else 1905 would be noteworthy for the $405,000 dividend paid by the Granby company and for the progress which the B. C. Copper company, in the same region, made during the last six months of the year. The advance of the latter has been so marked that its smelter plant has to be swelled by a capacity of 1,000 tons daily.

One of the pioneer English companies, the Hall Mines, also has a tale of progress to tell. Its lean years seem to have passed and a loss of $20,000 in 1903 has been changed to a profit of $30,000 for its last financial year. Substantial betterments, have also been made at the company's works at Nelson.

Altogether the outlook for British Columbia mining was never better. One writer puts it thus.

Investment in mining ebbs and flows and has its slack tides when there is nothing whatever doing. At present the tide is evidently on the flood for this class of investment, judging by the number of purchases that are being made in the Kootenays and the west generally, and this is the opportunity which has long been awaited. There is no section of the continent that has more promising properties than can be found in the Kootenays. With the Granby paying dividends and its stock worth from $9 to $9.75 per share; with the mines of Rossland practically all upon a dividend-paying basis; with the mines of the Slocan paying dividends; with the St. Eugene in East Kootenay paying regular dividends; with the Sullivan in the same section on the eve of paying profits to its shareholders; with the generally improved condition of mining, this country is certainly an alluring place for the investor in mining property.

The Xmas. Tree

The entertainment and Christmas tree given in the Wilmer Presbyterian church last Thursday evening was admittedly the best of the kind ever given here. When Chairman Ball called the meeting to order every seat was occupied and a great interest was taken in every item, from first to last, on the program. Not only were the papas and mamas delighted with the performances of their children, but every old bachelor—there are no old maids in this valley—present was so pleased that he could not help joining enthusiastically in the applause of each number; in fact, they are still giving praise to the little people.

After the program given below had been rendered Santa Claus arrived and then the little artists had their innings. Santa proceeded to the platform, where the curtains were pushed aside, displaying to view a model Xmas. tree that fairly glittered with beautiful ornaments, pretty toys, and useful presents. What a happy moment it was for all those children, they fairly danced with joy as Santa Claus curiously called their names and wittily presented each with three presents from the generous giver, Mrs H. C. Hammond. When the tree had been dismantled of all its beautiful presents the children gave three rousing cheers for Mrs. Hammond and they did it in a way that there could be no mistaking their meaning, and another very hearty cheer was given Santa Claus as he started for the North Pole.

The older people then took hold and a motion was unanimously passed acknowledging with many thanks and due appreciation the kindness of Mrs. Hammond in remembering the children of Wilmer year after year in so generous a manner, and Mrs. Starke was requested to communicate the motion to Mrs Hammond. Other motions followed One to Mrs. Starke for her successful efforts in dressing the tree with such good effect. Others to the teachers of the Sunday and Public school for the training of the children so proficiently.

Chorus, "Happy Greetings".
Chairman's address.
Recitation, "Four Little Girls".
Recitation, "A Boy's Pocket", Samuel Bennet.
Recitation, "Sister's Best Feller", Gilman Larrabee
Recitation, Selected, Delphine Bennett.
Dialogue, "Mother Goose Characters". Ida Alton, Addie Bennett, Minnie Bennett, Phillip Larrabee, Howard Alton and Samuel Bennett.
Recitation, Morris Chamberlain.
Recitation, "When Pa Begins to Shave", Billie Ball.
Recitation, "When Papa was a Boy," Celestia Bennett.
Recitation, "Toyland", Minnie Bennett
Labor Song.
Recitation, "Daddy's Funny Alarm Clock," Addie Bennett.
Recitation, "Mamma's Help", Edna Ball.
Dialogue in two parts, "The Day After Christmas", Mary Lessard, Clarance Evans and Alfred Larrabee.
Recitation, "The Last Hymn", Celestia Bennett.
Reading, "To Be a Boy", Alfred Larrabee.
Chorus, "Welcome Santa Claus"

Don't for a moment believe that the C. P. R. will permit the Kootenay Central Dominion Government subsidy slip away. Subsidies are too difficult to obtain now a days.

Ross Gallop left last week for West Kootenay and may visit his home in the east before returning here.

Rev. Mr. McKenzie will conduct Presbyterian church services at Galena the fourth Sunday of each month, and every other Sunday in Windermere at 11 a. m., Athalmer 3 p.m. and Wilmer 7:30 p.m.

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DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

A Wilmer man suggests that as the commercial travellers are taxed in B. C. that catalogues sent out by departmental stores and others should also be taxed. There is wisdom in that suggestion. The catalogues of departmental stores are doing more harm to B. C. tradesmen than all other things combined. They are silent "drummers" and silent yet ravenous vultures. There is no comparison between the commercial men and the catalogue. The former travels about and pays the highest prices the country demands and sells his wares to men who can make a living out of them and who contribute to everything the country needs. The other silently arrives at a cost of a few cents and takes away many thousands of dollars and spends not a cent.

Columbia Lodge No. 38 held their annual election and installation of officers on the evening of Dec. 27th, in the Windermere Hall, the following being the list for 1906: Worshipful Master Jas. S. Johnston, Senior Warden A. R. Yates, Junior Warden E. Stoddart, Senior Deacon F. L. Snook, Junior Deacon C. Cameron, Senior Steward C. D. Ellis, Junior Steward J. S. Barbour, Secretary J. C. Pitts, Inner Guard R. S. Gallop, Tyler Walker Tegart. After the Masons had closed their meeting they adjourned to the basement of the hall where an excellent repast was partaken of and several hours were spent with speeches, songs, etc.

Jas. L. McKay returned by Golden to Sinclair last Friday from Nelson. Seen in Athalmer the same night he said that business generally is improving throughout West Kootenay. Speaking of the Kootenay Central he said that it seemed to be the general impression of all whom he met that construction would be pushed in the spring. Referring to the towns he visited he said: "Comparatively Cranbrook is the liveliest town I have seen since leaving here." He did not say so, but isn't Athalmer all right?

W. C. Bennett drove Frank Anderson and John Peterson to Pinchurst Monday, who were on their way back to the Paradise mine, when it was discovered someone had stolen all the provisions they had left at Pinchurst. The men had only taken a few slices of bread from Wilmer and as they had to remain there over night they could get nothing more to eat until they reached the mine next day. It is hoped the thief may yet be caught and given full justice.

A prominent Golden business man in a letter to a Wilmer business man says: "Tell The Outcrop to keep right on boosting for the Kootenay Central." The advice is kindly and thankfully received, and The Outcrop will keep on boosting it until it is built or we run short of paper and ink. There are only two things that can stop The Outcrop and they are the sheriff and death.

Invitations are being sent out by Mr. and Mrs. Walker Tegart requesting the company of their many friends at the Windermere Hall on Thursday evening, Jan. 25th, the occasion being the anniversary of their twenty-fifth wedding day.

Herman Rohde returned to Athalmer by Monday's stage, after an absence of a couple of years at Cranbrook and in Alberta. It beats all how the wanderers all come back to this valley.

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WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, JAN. 4, 1906.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all Outcrop readers.

1906 will be just what you make of it!

Boost for everything good in 1906.

Don't "knock" anyone or anything in 1906.

Above all things boost for the K. C. R. in 1906.

If every man, woman and child in North East Kootenay will boost for this big district every time there is an opportunity throughout the year 1906 they will be happy and the district prosperous. Try it! for this one year.

M. McDonald, the successful Calgary promoter, is a great letter-writer and all of his letters bear grey-matter from his upper stope that are worth shipping. Here is an extract from a letter sent The Outcrop by "Little Mac" that is in keeping with his usual writing and shows the interest he takes in the promotion of the west, and should be an instinct to others to do a little private boosting:

"Go West, young man, and grew up with the country!" was an admonition to the young manhood of the country that secured to Horace Greely almost as much fame as the rugged journalist's opposition to chattled slavery. And it was an admonition full of wisdom, as the career of thousands and thousands of men who heeded it have attested.

To the west, with its imperial and virgin area, its waiting opportunities, its limitless possibilities, and away from the fast crowding east turn the sturdy ambitious youth in armies.

No counsel ever given has been more splendidly vindicated by events than that of Horace Greely, whose far reaching vision caught the drift of the Star of Empire, in its westward course. And the advice is just as good today as the day it was given, for although the population of the domain that sweeps from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean is many folds what it was then, so diverse as well as great are the resources of the region that new fields of usefulness are constantly bidding for men whose long look is into the future.

But there are hosts of men in the east that circumstances bar from acting on the very excellent advice of the great journalistic abolitionist, men who are tied to the old home "back east" by various binding conditions, chief among which are probably those of family duty and affection. Many and many a young man has watched with wistful gaze that Star of the Empire as it lighted the pathway to the edge of the broad Pacific, the while a lofty sense of filial duty kept him at the side of the old folks or his family. These are heroes not painted in prose nor sung of in poetry, but heroes still; heroes just as much as many whose names are enbalmed in the military annals of the world, for they exist in the dismal rut of a stinted life, that peace, comfort and happiness may be the lot of others. While, however, men thus hampered cannot literally follow Greely's advice, cannot appreciate in person the glorious work of rearing an empire where, but little more than a half century since, the Indian held a away, disputed only by the wild beast, cannot be leaders of men, builders of fortunes, fashioners of fame, they can come west by proxy. The can send their capital into the land of wondrous opportunity to work for them and gather profit in plenty. While they remain at the post of duty they can invest in Alberta land and B. C. mines, the values of which are climbing as the population thickens and improvement increases, or they can secure shares in some of the numerous flour mill companies, elevator companies or the numerous mining, irrigation, power and railroad companies that are engaged in developing western resources and reaping rich returns in reward for their enterprise and sagacity. The openings for capital, even in the most modest amounts, are plenty and safe, as intelligent investigation will abundantly show. Hence, if our friends in the east cannot come west and grow up with us, they can make their capital take the journey and attend the growth for them.

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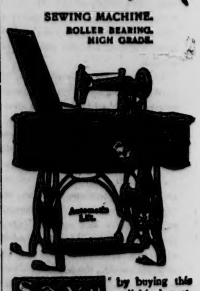

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"I see you have lots of applications," said the advertising manager to the business house manager who had advertised for a typewriter and bookkeeper.

"From all over New England," said the business man, jamming his pockets full. "But what some of the girls who answer are thinking of I can't imagine. Here is one girl who will come fifty miles to take a place at $5 a week."

"Can you tell much as to their qualifications by their letters?"

"Can I? Well, rather. For instance, there is the writing; there is the spelling of the words; there is the way the letter is put together; there is even the way the letter is folded. Ever think that letters are folded so as to save time nowadays?"

"No," said the advertising man. "It's all I can do to get the stamps to put on 'em. My stenographer folds 'em all right, I guess. How should it be done?"

"Easy enough, simple enough, but folded wrong often enough," said the business man sententiously. "If your typewriter knows her business she takes the sheet and folds it up from the bottom toward the top, leaving the proper width for the envelope, then over from right to left and from left to right—so. Then when your letter is opened it is right side up. See?"

"I see," murmured the advertising man. "And how many applicants fold their letters that way?"

"Oh, three or four out of a dozen, perhaps. Quite a commentary on business as she is taught, eh?" remarked the business man as he strolled away.

FRENCH POLITENESS.

It Is Widespread, Oppressive and Time Devouring.

During one summer which I spent among exclusively French people in a hotel at Saint-Germain I estimated that I lost quite twenty-four hours out of each week saying good morning and good evening to the men, women, little children and dogs about me. If you encounter the same person twenty-five times in the same day, you must smile rapturously, pause, at least shake hands if you do not kiss, ceremoniously inquire how he or she is "going" and ceremoniously bid him or her "au revoir" at parting. Not only every man and woman expects this, but all the little children toddle up to you, shake hands and exact the same amount of ceremony. Then every well regulated French family has a dog that more than likely occupies a chair and eats off a plate beside you at the table, so that it is considered churlish if you do not also stop and tell the dog "bon jour" and "au revoir" a dozen times a day, pausing to take the paw which he is prettily taught to extend to you.

When the washerwoman brings home your linen, there are at least five minutes spent in ceremoniously greeting and parting from her. In the operation of receiving and paying for linen you exchange "mercis" and "pardons" not fewer than ten times. Any other serving person or tradesman who comes to do business with you throughout the day you similarly receive with "bon jour, monsieur," and "au revoir, monsieur," and you thank him and beg his pardon as often as you can possibly get the words into the length of time he has to stay.

No Place For Icemen.

"I had letters to a prominent official in Porto Rico," said a New York manufacturer of artificial ice plants, "and I went down to that island, thinking I had a sure grip on a big thing. I made an appointment by letter and on a certain day and hour was ushered into his office, and we had no sooner shaken hands than he turned to the attendant and said:

"'Jose, bring the gentleman a fresh glass of lemonade and see that it is good and hot.'

"It was hot enough to melt a dog, and I felt rivers of perspiration running down my back, and when that boiling hot lemonade was brought in I knew that I was dished. So it turned out. I might have sold red peppers or horseradish, but as for ice—they didn't want any in theirs."

Animals Enjoy Racing.

Little pigs are great at combined play, which generally takes the form of races. Emulation seems to form part of their amusement, for their races seem always to have the winning of first place for their object and are quite different from those confused rushes for food or causeless stampedes in which little pigs are wont to indulge. Racing is an amusement natural to some animals and, being soon taught by others, becomes one of their most exciting pastimes.—London Tit-Bits.

Why He Did Not Tarry.

The importunate lover had just proposed.

"Let your answer be a vowel with a consonant on either side of it," he gently begged her.

The charming girl smiled.

"Very well," she said. "Git."

A Distrust of Literature.

"You are always more or less skeptical about what you see in print."

"Yes," answered the man who has his own ideas about things. "Truth may be at the bottom of a well, but it isn't an ink well."

Be good to your neighbors. They know all about your family skeleton and can tell some entertaining stories about it.

We earn our life by labor, and then, if we spend as the gods design, we spend our life in love.—Henry Hartland.

OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

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Paradise	2,203
Dolphine	302.5
*Ptarmigan Mines	165
Nettie M	41
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Commencing at a post marked "J. F. Hanna's North East Corner Post" and planted near Jumbo Fork of Toby creek, about seven and a half miles above junction with Basin creek, thence west 160 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 160 chains, thence north 80 chains to place of commencement.

Dated 12th October, 1905. J. F. HANNA.
12-14

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Commencing at a post marked "J. F. Hanna's North East corner post" and planted on the South Fork of Dutch creek, one mile above the Forks; thence, south 160 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 160 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

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2. Commencing at a post planted on the north side of Dutch creek, about four miles west of Lot 4496 running one mile south, thence one mile west, thence one mile north, thence one mile east, thence to place of commencement.

3. Commencing at a post planted on the North Fork of Dutch creek, about three miles west of Lot 4496, running two miles south, thence half a mile west, thence two miles north, thence half a mile east to place of commencement.

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New Year's Ball

The 6th Annual New Year's Ball held in the Athalmer Hall last Friday evening was a grand affair in every respect. Visitors from every direction came from a distance of many miles in order to attend this event—the event of the season. Everyone appeared to have buried past remembrances of joys and sorrows for the time being and sought to make this the supreme happy time of their life—and they succeeded. It was one extreme round of pleasure from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., and one man who asked for the "Home, Sweet Home" waltz at 2 a.m. was indeed sorry that he spoke. The attendance was rated among the largest on record.

The hall was artfully decorated and the floor was never in better condition. The music, too, was better than usual, Prof. Harrison and his son "Ed." providing same, while at times others accompanied them on the organ.

At midnight a sumptuous repast was supplied and heartily partaken of.

The program was indeed a lengthy one and every dance that could be thought of was given place, prominent among them being the "Duck Dance" led by Mr. B. Morigeau and the "Highland Schottische".

At the close cheers were given for Mr Cartwright, the musicians and the floor managers. Then all went home, tired yet happy.

TO BE A BOY

I wouldn't be a single thing on earth
Except a boy;
And yet it's just an accident of birth
That I'm a boy;
And, goodness gracious! When I stop and think
That I once trembled on the very brink
Of making my appearance here a girl
It fairly makes my ears and eyebrows curl—
But I'm a boy.

Just think of all the jolly fun there is
When you're a boy!
I tell you, you're just full of business
When you're a boy!
There's fires to build in all the vacant lots,
Go swimmin', tie the fellers' clothes in knots.
Tie tin cans on the tails of dogs—why, gee!
The days ain't half as long as they should be,
When you're a boy.

There's lots of foolish things that make you tired
When you're a boy;
There's heaps of grouchy men that can't be hired
To like a boy;
There's wood to chop at home, and coal to bring
And "Here, do this—do that—the other thing!"
And, worse than all, there's girls—oh, holy smoke!
Are they a crime or are they just a joke,
Upon a boy?

And then, there's always somebody to jaw,
When you're a boy!
Somebody always laying down the law
To every boy:
"Pick up your coat; see where you've put your hat!
Don't stone the dog; don't tease the poor old cat!
Don't race around the house"—why, sufferin' Moses!
The only time you have to practice things like those is
When you're a boy!

And yet, I don't believe I'd change a thing
For any boy;
You've got to laugh, to cry, to work, to sing,
To be a boy;
With all his thoughtless noise and careless play,
With all his heartfelt trials day by day,
With all his boyish hopes and all his fears,
I'd like to live on earth a thousand years,
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